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fare ruin you. You won't be able to come out entirely unscathed; but try. There is that in the Bible, if one can only get it, that will make you safe from all the "whizz bangs," all the "crumps," and "Jack Johnsons," all the bullets in the world. It is something that will make you live longer than the man who dies in his bed at the age of eighty. It is the spirit of love, the spirit of Jesus, the perfect man. The

Soldier who fought a losing battle and yet won. If you are a decent soldier you will be fighting with Him, only you won't know it, perhaps, and if it is your luck to die with Him beside you, it will be a fine thing. I guess this seems a bit religious. I got it from my chaplain at Cambridge; he looked as if he knew. One has tried and one has failed. However, I put it to you.

BOOK REVIEWS

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Japan In World Politics. By K. K. Kawakami. Macmillan Co., New York. 300 p. 1917. \$1.50.

"In the present volume," says this well-known publicist, "I have elected to appeal especially to the American people, because I have great confidence in their innate sense of justice. Of all nations, the United States alone has not joined the universal scramble for territories and concessions in the Orient." The author finds himself faced with the thankless task of explaining America to Japan and Japan to America. With much detail and an apparent grasp of facts he traces the gradual estrangement of the two nations, and considers the causes that have led up to the present situation of professed friendship marred by a restless tendency towards mutual suspicion. He considers extensively the Japanese policy in China, with attention to the mistakes of Japan as well as to the erroneous American conception of Japan's activities in Chinese territory. He makes clear the fact that "what Japan really wants in the Philippines is not territorial rights, but economic privileges, such as have elsewhere been enjoyed by her equally with all nations. Suspicions of Japanese designs upon Mexico are shown to be utterly groundless. In three concise chapters the author discusses the position of America in regard to the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, German-Japanese relations, and the Russo-Japanese Entente. It is made evident in these chapters that while Japan has much to fear from England, Germany, and Russia, she has nothing to fear from a friendly America, and that, on the contrary, close friendship with this nation will assure her justice and freedom in her dealings with the other three.

The Coming. By J. C. Snaith. D. Appleton & Co., New York. 371 p. 1917. \$1,50.

Some time ago it was the custom to reach dauntlessly into black pits of the scientifically impossible and haul up whatever conjectures the mind was capable of accommodating. These were arranged as alluring background to a plot of adventure or intrigue, and the whole bound neatly These were arranged as alluring background to a and sold, with a lurid paper wrapper, for \$1.35 or so per thrill. But customs change. Scientific impossibilities are becoming a bit banal for fiction, so common is their recurrence in the material world these days. The "unusual" novelist today turns rather to the miracles of religious genesis and the trick of creating spiritual entities in material guises. A pioneer, now almost forgotten, was the author of "The Servant in the House." Of him, doubtless unintentionally, Mr. Snaith has become a disciple. He elaborates a novel in which John Smith, as the Second Messiah, writes a play that converts the world from warfare to peace. and dies at the moment when he is to be awarded the Nobel Prize. The Second Messiah, be it said, has been put in an insane asylum as the village idlot by the vicar. The message of the author apparently is, that the world is no better today than it was two thousand years ago, and only a Second Coming can save it. He does not continue this argument to the conclusion that in two thousand more years we shall need a Third Messiah, and so ad infinitum, but leaves that for the reader. Of this book it might be said, as the timorous curate said of the egg at the bishop's breakfast table, "Parts of it are excellent." To those who can find spiritual inspiration in easy fiction, or who care for a novel based on metaphysical atrocities, this book is heartily commended.

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